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Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Members 3629 Sout "D" Street Mail Stop 005 Tacoma, WA 98418-6813

Dear Chairman:

I am writing to express my appreciation to you and the other members of your board of health for allowing Don Sloma and me to come before you to learn more about your priority areas of concern.

The meeting was very helpful to our ongoing efforts to learn more about community perspectives on public health issues. As I mentioned during our discussion, we intend to use the information we received from you and other Boards of Health in our 2004 State Health Report. By law, the state Board must produce this report biennial, together with recommendations for state health priorities for the ensuing biennium. You may see the 2002 State Health Report at http://www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/Pubs/2002SHR.pdf

If you would like to provide additional information, other community perspectives or other suggestions for statewide health priorities, please feel free to call or write. We will be accepting additional input from local boards of health until June 30, 2003.

If you have any further questions or requests, please call the Board office at (360) 236-4110 and one of our staff would be happy to assist you in anyway possible.

Again, thank you for allowing us some time with you in your busy schedules.

Sincerely,

Linda Lake.

Chair, Washington State Board of Health